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Dear Ms Petercheff:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC") on behalf of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") and contained in LSA Document 08-886. The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9 concerning fishing and harvesting of paddlefish and paddlefish eggs. The proposed rule changes the definition of "rough fish", adds standards for measuring and catching paddlefish, and creates rules regarding the fishing season and a size limit on paddlefish harvested from the Ohio River. The statement provided by the NRC estimates that the proposed rule will impact no more than 43 businesses. The NRC is unable to determine the number of businesses that would qualify as small businesses.

In some cases, compliance with the proposed rule could limit the number of paddlefish eggs harvested by affected businesses. Thus, these businesses could incur cost in the form of reduction in revenue. The NRC is unable to estimate the total economic impact as result of the proposed rule, but notes that very few eggs are harvested outside of the proposed season dates. This could limit the potential revenue decrease associated with the proposed rule. Additionally, the NRC notes that there are no new administrative, reporting or record keeping costs imposed on small business as result of this rule.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact on small businesses as a result of this rule. The rule helps to ensure that large populations of the paddlefish, of which the impacted businesses rely, will continue to flourish and remain a viable commercial enterprise.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Asberry".

Ryan Asberry
Assistant Vice President